

Humor and Philosophy

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The only thing that some of us can do that seems to count at all is to earn our own living and incidentally that of some others.

If you can't keep the schedule, transfer to another line.

The oftener a man makes the same mistake the more certain he is that he is right.

When a man acquires a sore spot he is apt to think the whole community is in a conspiracy to rub up against it.

A general knowledge of stars doesn't necessarily fit a man for a chair in astronomy.

Some men look out for themselves, well satisfied that his Satanic majesty will look out for the other fellow.

Don't find fault with your neighbor's work unless he is on your payroll.

Amiability is a good substitute for intelligence and often passes for it.

The woman whose house never is dusty doesn't belong to the Shakespeare club.

You know when some people have been vaccinated with tainted money, for they have the dollar sign to show for it.

So Unusual.



"Something queer about John."
"Think he is a little bit off?"
"Well, I heard him say that he was satisfied with his wages."

When Skies Are Blue.
It's easy enough to be cheerful
When favors are coming your way.
When close to success you eagerly press
And all of your ventures spell pay.
When friends are around you in plenty
And every one gives you a show.
But can you be gay and in rapture sing
"Hey!"
When the flattery drops on your toe?

To smile is not really a hardship
When life runs as smooth as a song.
When friends lend a hand and warmly expand
To pleasantly push you along.
When strangers to you are attracted
And help you promotion to gain.
But, say, can you grin through thick and through thin
If the newer backs up through your drain?

It's really a snap to be joyous.
To spread out your chest and expand.
When money is coming in plenty
And favors fall into your hand.
When trouble is not within calling
When you isn't making a sound.
But, say, can your grin grow wider with mirth
When Bill, the masseur, comes round?
Who couldn't feel gay and light hearted.
Sweet tempered and all to the good
When into his life a dear little wife
Made love signs that he understood.
Whose children were marvels and models.
Whose word in his family was law.
But could he be sweet from his head to his feet
Through a visit from mother-in-law?

She Knew.
"No, ma'am, we hasn't had nothing to eat for a week."
"Nothing for a week? Why, how did you live?"
"Well, we did have some biscuits from the lady next door, but you know how that would be worse than nothing."
They got the handout.

Getting Rid of Undesirables.
"You ought to make a merchant of your son."
"Why should I?"
"He has fine business instincts."
"Been swapping knives with you?"
"No, but I saw him out in the alley with another boy a little while ago, and I overheard them trying to trade parents."

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Kill The Ants.

One of the greatest pests about a place is the ants. Given one bed of red ants in the yard and if allowed to thrive you will soon have more. They swarm after the manner of bees.

If taken in time this nuisance can be easily overcome. London purple will do the work for them, or "high life" will answer. Another remedy also said to work like a charm is recommended by Floral Life as follows:

"Place two sheets of fresh, poison fly paper in a shallow dish; cover thinly with water and set aside for a couple of hours, or wait until the water is well charged with the poison.

Now stir in a teaspoonful or less strained honey, or sugar syrup; find where a colony of ants are located and set the dish on the ground nearby. If the weather is very warm, shade the dish to prevent rapid evaporation; if there are any apiaries about, place a net covered frame over the dish having the meshes large enough to permit the ants to pass through and small enough to exclude the bees; add a trifle of water from time to time, just to keep the paper slightly immersed. The ants will go to the sweet stuff in frantic haste, drink their fill, and carry it down into their burrows to feed the queen and the half developed larvae; in a few days the whole colony will be dead. This will not fail."

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OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

A Critic Who Takes Exception to the Celebration of Birthdays.

"While not intending to change the dates of any anniversaries now existing," remarks the meddler, "I do wish to make a few timely and original remarks upon the absurdity of the custom.

"Why should the celebration of a great man be held upon the anniversary of his birth? Was there anything remarkable in that? Did any benefit accrue to the world at that time? Is there any part of his existence for which he is less responsible? Surely not. It is absurd that in a long and illustrious lifetime the date that should be selected for an anniversary is his advent into an indifferent world as a naked, blind animal without developed senses and without a mind.

"Is not April 30, the date of Washington's inauguration as the first president of a new nation, more symbolical of his life than Feb. 22? The birth of the United States—each year it passes without notice. The Declaration of Independence was fine, but it did not assure the launching of the ship of state. Washington had much to do with the launching of that ship, and it is fitting that he should be remembered chiefly in connection therewith. Feb. 22, forsooth! We might as well celebrate the chopping down of the cherry tree.

"There are many men whose anniversaries might well fall on July 4. It was on that day that Thomas Jefferson signed the Declaration of Independence, which he had drawn up. But since there are many who had a share in that proceeding and in bringing that day to pass it is better that July 4 should remain a national anniversary and not the day of any one man.

"I submit a revised list of anniversaries:

"Benjamin Franklin, Nov. 30. On that day in the year 1782 he signed the treaty of peace between American colonies and England at Paris.

"Thomas Jefferson, April 28. On that day in the year 1803 he bought the Louisiana territory from Napoleon Bonaparte for the sum of \$15,000,000.

"Abraham Lincoln, April 9. On that day in the year 1865 Lee surrendered at Appomattox, this being the thing which Lincoln spent the best part of his life bringing to pass. It meant the preservation of the Union.

"Jefferson Davis, Feb. 22. On this day in the year 1862 he was inaugurated president of the Confederacy.

"Robert E. Lee, May 4. It was on this day that the battle of Chancellorsville was won.

"In at least one conspicuous instance the greatest achievement of a man's life has fixed a date in the public mind. Who knows in what year Columbus was born? Who does not know, from schoolboy to grandfather, that he discovered America in 1492?"—Birmingham News.

Doing as He Was Told.

It is not the plain or garden variety of husband alone who gives his wife "as much trouble as all the children." A very distinguished example figures in "Leaves From the Notebooks of Lady Dorothy Nevill."

He was a great scholar and had been a traveler in the far east, and one time, after he had become a lion in English society, he was invited to one of the great country houses in which England is so rich. The visit was to last three days. His wife carefully packed three spotless shirts in his traveling bag and bade him take particular care to put on one of them regularly every evening.

"I hope you did as I told you," were his wife's first words on his return.

"Of course I did, my dear," he said. "I put on a clean shirt every evening; so, with the one I started in, that makes four that I am wearing at the present moment."

Saving Him.

"Who is that fine looking man you just spoke to?"

"That is my tailor."

"Introduce me."

"Not much. He has troubles enough as it is."